

Criminal Justice Information Systems Advisory Committee
November 30, 2006

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The Criminal Justice Information Systems Advisory Committee of the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice met Thursday, November 30, 2006 at 9:30 a.m. in conference room Lower Level C of the Nebraska State Office Building, Lincoln, Nebraska.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by Chair Michael Overton. The following members were **present**: Bill Miller, State Court Admin. Office; Dale Fangmeier, Office of the CIO; David Wegner, Probation Administration; Jill Davidson, Nebraska State Patrol; Rod Warner, Nebraska State Patrol; Shirley Danahy, Nebraska State Patrol; John Lehotyak, Douglas County Attorneys Office; Byron Patterson, Police Officers Association of NE; Frank Fornataro, HHSS – Protection & Safety; Bob Grant, Nebraska Department of Roads; Sean Owings, Nebraska Department of Roads; Melanie Koch, Lancaster County Corrections; Joe Renteria Jr., Lancaster County Public Defender; Bob Corner DMV – Highway Safety; Rajesh Presad, Analyst International; Kevin Duffy for Lee Polikov, Sarpy County Attorney; Michael Overton, Nebraska Crime Commission; and Ron Riethmuller, Department of Corrections.

The following members were **absent**: Michael Thurber, Lancaster County Corrections; Lash Chaffin, League of NE Municipalities; Scot Ford, PCAN; Rachel Marden, NE Parole Board; Joe Franco, Omaha Police Department; Terry Lane, DOT Comm; Elaine Menzel, NE Association of County Officials; George Love, NE Attorney General's Office; Sheriff Gregg Magee, NE Sheriff's Association; Mary Tyner, NE Coalition for Victims of Crime; Marlene Vetick, Clerk of District Courts; Steve Schafer, DAS-IT Services Organization, for Brenda Decker, CIO; and Steve Worster, Commission on Public Advocacy.

Also present were: Michael Behm, Corey Cashmere, Matthew Dicke and Sarah Schoen of the Nebraska Crime Commission.

The Committee was notified of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act regulations available for review at the front of the room.

II. Introductions

The meeting began by going around the room and introducing ourselves to those present.

Overton reported that Ron Bowmaster has accepted a new position as the CIO of the Utah Courts.

III. Approval of Minutes

Motion

A motion was made by Wegner and seconded by Davidson to approve the minutes of the Criminal Justice Information Systems Advisory Committee meeting of August 10, 2006. Motion passed unanimously by acclamation.

IV. Project Updates

A. JUSTICE

Bill Miller reported that PCs, laptops and towers were provided for the Trial Court Judges. It was also reported that JUSTICE has an application called DOCKET that automates events taking place in the courtroom as it is happening. There are currently 51 counties using this application. They have also built an interface into the NFOCUS application in which they receive weekly updates on juvenile ward placement data. The court improvement project monies they receive are used to help with juvenile placement reports and tracking the placement of these juveniles.

Overton reported the Crime Commission is working with JUSTICE relative to disposition reporting, which will tie into Community Corrections and Probation to build a workable data set that goes to PCH for statistics and tracking of dispositions.

B. Victim Notification/VINE

Overton reported VINE is still operating steadily. Through September 2006, there have been over 13,000 registrations for notifications, and there have been 119,000 calls into VINE to get offender information. Almost 13,000 phone notifications and over 2,600 email notifications have been sent out. So far in 2006, we are averaging over 240 new registrations per month compared to 2005, where we were averaging about 150-170 new registrations per month. This is an increase of about 50%.

Overton stated the VINE contract was just completed. In the past, the contract has been for three years, but this new contract is for five years, and the functionality will remain primarily the same.

Overton reported that some issues arose with VINE in which a couple of jails were lost for a few months. VINE was not getting the full data or being real responsive to the jails in regards to bringing them back online. One of these jails was Hall County, which is one of the larger jails and they were forced to operate on an emergency line. Some discussions have taken place with VINE to address this issue, and a close watch will be kept on this to ensure the issue is fixed.

New materials for VINE should be arriving next week.

C. NCJIS

1. Omaha/Douglas County Incident Data (DVISS)

Overton reported that they are still working with Omaha/Douglas County Incident Data (DVISS) relative to an enhanced domestic violence information system. They are currently still waiting to receive an Omaha/Douglas County Incident Data Extract and are working on a layout to provide the incident level data to us in a NIBRS type format.

2. HHS – Allegation Data: CAN

Overton reported the HHS Allegation data (CAN) is going very well. They have expanded their scope and are working with Frank to get the update on the status of cases. Their hope for this update is to be able to upload the status and/or outcome of investigations as well.

Overton also stated that HHS has approximately 500 users with CJIS certificates who access NDEN.

3. NCJIS/NeLEIS

Overton stated that NeLEIS is the Intel database maintained by the State Patrol. Jeb Barger of the State Patrol, who was working on NeLEIS, has left that position. This project will resume when this position is filled and up to speed on the NeLEIS database.

4. DMV – OLN and VTR

Overton reported they are working with DMV to make a switch on the data sets. He stated they have worked with DMV to provide live access to the data and started out with live access to the photos only. Now, they are working on getting live access to all the data.

5. NPMIS Interfaces

Wegner reported that currently, tremendous modifications are being made to the NPMIS database due to new programs developed related to felony drug offenders. He said that they started a specialized substance abuse supervision program in January 2006, and there are considerable modifications being made in regards to this particular segment of offenders.

Additionally, Wegner reported that they have made and are writing modifications based upon treatment monies obtained via legislature. They have modified the program and have wrote a fee voucher program so that providers across the state will have an automated process in regards to submitting vouchers for evaluations and treatment for offenders. In the last six months, Wegner stated they have developed a partnership with parole and parole administration to modify NPMIS in order to provide an avenue of a case management and a data management assistant for the parole administration. Parole has not had any kind of method prior to this in order to automate data or to track parole offenders. Wegner also stated they will be working with Mike Overton on these modifications to provide a different display in CJIS, which will replicate the kinds of modifications they are currently making within the database. This should be brought into production in April 2007.

a. SSI (Standardized Screening Instrument)

Wegner stated that they are working on a number of things that tie in with access to data, use of the data and interaction with the data. This would be to build a link from NPMIS that would allow users to log into NCJIS and fill out the information. This, in turn, would dump the data into each database making it easier for users.

b. YLS

YLS is a youth screening tool to be developed on NCJIS. HHS will be using this tool possibly as a stand alone which will merge into NFOCUS and dump data into NCJIS.

c. DCN/PCH

Wegner stated that they have rewritten a considerable amount of what they are doing in regards to identifying DCN numbers and being able to access PCH. He said they have discovered that there is a tremendous amount of offenders in Nebraska who have never been fingerprinted, and they are working on getting these offenders fingerprinted and inputted into the database.

6. School Data

Overton reported that earlier this year, they had Omaha Public Schools data in test. When the new school year began, they did some things to their data which made it all disappear, and they had to revisit how they dealt with end of year/new school year data. The data is back up, and they have just clarified who can have access to this. This will be turned on to basically all Criminal Justice users. The OPS data provides directory information for all students and for those students who have been identified as in trouble, it will provide attendance data, grade data, and summaries of the incidents these students have been involved with. Sarpy County came to us wanting to give us their data as well, and we are currently working to provide access to their data.

D. Local Applications: Sleuth, JAMIN, CMS, EasyStreet Draw

1. SLEUTH

Cashmere reported that they are in the process of implementing the interface with JAMIN, which is now up in three locations. Currently, 12 local agencies have been contracted with, and an additional 23 will be contracted once these 12 are complete.

Cashmere also reported that the eCitation rollout is nearly complete with just a few minor issues to clear up.

2. CMS (Case Management System)

Cashmere reported that Buffalo County was installed two weeks ago and is going well. They are looking at conducting a users conference with them but still need to negotiate some of the items for this.

3. JAMIN

Cashmere reported that they are currently working with the SLEUTH interface. In addition, they just began discussions with the State Patrol in regards to implementing an AFIS interface with Adams County.

4. Easy Street Draw (Electronic Accident Diagramming Software)

Cashmere reported that there is a new version of this software available, but he has not seen this yet. It is his hope that it will be available by the first of the year.

5. eCitations/TraCS

Cashmere stated that TraCS was installed in LaVista and South Sioux City. South Sioux City is currently only doing warning tickets due to some issues with the County Attorney. They have since worked through some of these issues, but some minor modifications need to be made to TraCS in order to address the concerns.

Cashmere also reported that installation of TraCS still needs to be completed in Kearney. Patterson stated that Kearney currently has four cars outfitted with all the equipment, and they still have two cars to complete before they meet the goal of six. He anticipates they will be ready for installation sometime in January or February.

Cashmere stated that there were some issues that arose within Dakota County concerning statutes and keeping them updated within TraCS and SLEUTH. He stated they are currently working with the courts to keep this updated.

In regards to eCitations, the data is now live and available.

6. NDEX

Cashmere reported that they are working with the FBI on their NDEX program. The data mapping for this project has been completed and is about two thirds of what the FBI has asked for. Cashmere stated they should have a meeting next week to work through some of the technical issues and mapping questions.

E. PCH, NCHIP, AFIS, Sexual Offender Registry, NeLEIS, Protection Order Registry

1. PCH

Jill Davidson reported that they ran into some issues with some of the interfaces and have worked through most of those issues. However, there is still one remaining large issue with an interface that they are trying to work through. They are optimistic in the hopes to go live sometime in January.

2. NCHIP

Rod Warner reported that they have received the NCHIP grant application for the next year, but no meetings have been held yet to determine what funding is going to be requested.

3. AFIS

Warner reported that AFIS is a very busy project right now. The CCW work flows are being developed, and AFIS is a main part of this. They are expecting a delivery of six new live scans next week to be used for concealed carry, taking fingerprints, mug shots and signatures. These live scans will be installed at each of the troop areas and one at the CID area. They are hoping to be up and running by mid December and activated by the first of the year. The remainder of the AFIS equipment, complete system replacement, will be delivered by the end of the year, and the actual installation will take place in January with the hopes of going live in February. There are currently a

total of 23 live scans in the field. Warner also reported that 20 Mobile ID Units were ordered for the Patrol to use, and they now have the ability to do cross-searching between states. He stated that no MOUs have been signed yet, but that functionality will be there.

4. Sexual Offender Registry (SOR)

Warner reported that the State Patrol is actively pursuing the registrants who have not been fingerprinted. This is an ongoing item, but they will be entered into PCH once received.

5. NeLEIS

Nothing to report.

6. Protection Order Registry

Nothing to report.

- 7.** Bob Grant reported that their web based electronic accident report is up and working currently. People can get on, fill out a report and submit without having to use paper. He also reported that they are creating an XML, which will be able to connect with other software products that are used for the same type of reporting.
- 8.** Bob Corner reported that in late August, a traffic records assessment was completed, and this report should be coming out sometime in December. From this report, there will be some recommendations that changes be made to the traffic records system. As a result, they applied for and received a grant in the amount of \$348,000.00 in order to begin making improvements to the traffic records system.

V. Juvenile Data Sharing, Strategic Plan Update

- A.** Overton reported they are still waiting to hear from the CIO's office if and when it is presented to the Lieutenant Governor and are still pursuing this project.

VI. 2007 CJIS Technology Conference

- A.** The 2007 CJIS Technology Conferences is scheduled to be at the Sandhills Convention Center in North Platte, Nebraska on March 7-8, 2007. The first meeting was held for conference planning, and some of the ideas brought to the table were as follows:
- Possibly implementing some break-out sessions.
 - Possibly implementing some vendor sponsored break-out sessions during breaks in which the vendors can present what they have available.
 - Have a possible presentation on Real IDs with federal legislation on the requirements for the ID cards that DMV will issue that will meet all the federal regulations.
 - Possibly have something on immigration as well.
- Overton reported that Matthew Dicke has developed an online registration page for the 2007 conference which should help tremendously in the registration process. The announcement for this conference should be going out sometime in December or first part of January.

VII. Multi-State Portal Data Sharing Initiative

A. NGA Grant

Overton reported that several months ago, some discussion began with Nebraska, Kansas, Wyoming and Alabama about trying to do some cross-state data sharing primarily driven by portals. The state of Alabama submitted a grant on behalf of Nebraska, Kansas, Alabama and Wyoming, as well as Florida and Tennessee, which is funded thru NGA. A grant of \$25,000.00 was received as a planning grant. A meeting was held with the six states, as well as with the Feds and other agencies with the intent to lock in interest and participation. NIJ & DOJ are very interested and are willing to put forth a substantial amount of money to make this happen. The intent of the grant is to come up with some architecture for multi-state sharing.

VIII. CJIS Revival

- A.** The CJIS Revival has not worked out this fall as hoped for a variety of reasons; however, this will be a goal for 2007.

IX. NIJ Grant Application: RTI & AIC

- A.** Overton reported that they were contacted by Analyst International, who is partnering with a company called RTI in regards to a grant application through NIJ. RTI is a company who deals with GPS, tracking, spatial mapping and other types of products dealing particularly with government agencies. They are interested in getting involved in the Criminal Justice area. This grant application is about innovative programs and development of new applications. They submitted a grant application last month, with us being a partner, with the hopes of establishing some types of mapping. More specifically, they want to map some things to the global standards and then map some things back to the more standard industry types of projects. They want to somehow use this data in CJIS to have available to local agencies. Overton stated that he is not sure where this will go or where this is headed, but we will wait and see what takes place.

X. Data Dissemination: LB 876

- A.** Overton briefly summarized the handout on this issue. See the handout for further explanation.

XI. Next Tentative Meeting Date

- A.** The next meeting is scheduled to be held at the CJIS Technology Conference on March 7-8, 2007. The meeting following that will be held on May 10, 2007 at the Nebraska State Office Building in Lower Level A Conference room. The meeting is tentatively scheduled to begin at 9:30 am.

XII. Other Business

- A.** Patterson reported that he has received several telephone calls in regards to records retention and archiving issues. Many agencies have databases that are getting too large for them to be able to manage efficiently. He feels this is an issue that this Committee needs to look at and possibly think of a way to resolve in the near future. He believes it is more of a technical issue, and this could possibly be addressed in a break-out session at the CJIS conference in March.
- B.** Dave Wegner gave a brief overview on CJIS for the Hamilton Students who were sitting in on the meeting to help clear up any questions they may have had in regards to acronyms or other issues.

XIII. Adjournment

- A.** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:41 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

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